

MINUTES
Monroe County Green Initiative Task Force
July 17, 2009



Members Present:

Gerry Albertson
Les Faust
Christopher Fogarty
Steven Grasley
John Hammerstrom
♦TJ Patterson
Joel Reed
Jedde Regante
David Tuttle
Donna Windle

Members not present:

Edward Borysiewicz
Thomas Bray
Patti Childress – excused
Jeffrey Pinkus – excused
♦Alex Tejada
♦Tom Walker
Michael Welber – excused

(♦non-voting members)

Guests:

Christina Regante, Eco-nomic Solutions Martin Ruddock, BHB Group/Sabertec

Staff present:

Natileene Cassel, Asst. County Atty. Joseph M. Paskalik, Sr. Director/Building Official
Richard Jones, Sr. Administrator Marine Resources Linda Painter, Administrative Asst.

- I. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.
- II. An amendment to add to the agenda Item V. C. Renewal of membership appointments by BOCC was approved unanimously. Agenda was approved as amended unanimously on a motion by Joel Reed, seconded by John Hammerstrom.
- III.
 - A. Minutes of GITF meeting held 6/08/09 were approved on a motion by Donna Windle, seconded by David Tuttle.
 - B. Minutes of GITF meeting held 6/22/09 were approved on a motion by Donna Windle, seconded by David Tuttle.
- IV. Review of BOCC direction – (BOCC July 15 meeting) – Nat Cassel
 - A. Grant proposal - Nat reported that John and Jed did a good job representing the task force at the BOCC meeting and the request to apply for the grant was approved.
 - B. Permission for partnership letters of agreement (this was discussed later in the meeting) - Nat agreed to send letters and have the reply come to her, not other task force members. Members were asked to send names to Nat by Friday, July 24th. John will submit the list that Alison from GLEE.
- V. General Discussion – how to move forward (depending on BOCC action)
 - A. Program directives for the Director of Energy Efficiency and Conservation to implement upon creation of the Department using the other ½ of the grant funds.

Much of the remainder of the meeting was spent in discussion regarding the above agenda item and approved grant proposal details.

John reported that from the action of the BOCC the following could be included in the grant application 1)creation of the energy office with positions of Director and assistant; 2)energy raters (FKCC has agreed to consider \$200,000 for satellite office for training); 3)\$200,000 to replenish FKAA's existing rebate program for rainwater harvesting and septic tanks converted to systems; 4)stakeholders - revolving fund which would allow lower income families to take advantage of energy saving projects which in turn lowers energy bills with a percent of the savings going back to fund percent to administration. T. J. Patterson noted that the State has a revolving and program and rebates with a list of participating contractors but does required audit by energy rater and Utilities administer the program.

Discussion followed regarding administration of the above. Nat suggested a subcommittee for the grant writing, done in the Sunshine rather than trying to do it at task force level.

John added to his items above, \$10,000 for a grant writing person.

Full discussion ensued regarding the office a being 2 or 3 person office with one being a grant writer. Nat stressed that the BOCC did not want to created another "department" but wanted contract people with oversight by a department administration and only to continue if self funding.

After further consideration of the office direction and revolving fund possibilities, it was moved by John, seconded by Donna and unanimously carried that the application include a 2 person office, under contract, plus \$10,000 for grant writing services. It was noted that it would be based on guidelines in the RFP which is not out yet. More discussion followed and it was unanimously agreed to add to the grant proposal regarding the RFP, that administration be undefined on a motion by John and seconded by Steven.

B. (Jed) Review of "Up to \$10.5 Million in Solar Energy Education for Local Governments from the DOE";

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/financial_opportunities.html

Jed advised that there was an October 15th deadline for the Solar Energy Education grant which would provide funds to crate infrastructure for solar energy. Unanimous agreement was given to seek approval of the BOCC to apply for the grant on a motion by John and seconded by Donna. Nat will draft and submit the agenda item.

C. (added agenda item) Renewal of membership appointments by BOCC

Joel noted that the membership terms would need to be renewed. Nat agreed to put it on the BOCC agenda.

It was requested that a clipboard or similar with a form be available for those guests wanting to speak at the meeting.

Joel suggested adding to the By-Laws the ability to vote on-line.

VI. Set next meeting. The next meeting was set for August 31st at 2:00.

VII. Adjournment was at 4:30 p.m.